

A
SECOND COVRANTE
OF NEWES FROM THE
East India in two Letters.

THE ONE WRITTEN BY
Master *Patricke Copland* then Preacher to the English
in the East India, to Master *Aàrian Iacobson*
Hulsebns Preacher to the Dutch.

THE OTHER WRITTEN BY
Master *Thomas Knowles* Factor there, &c.

By both which letters you may vnderstand of
some other occurrents betwixt the *English* and
Dutch in those parts.

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REVERENDO IN CHRISTO FRA-
tri D. Domino Adrian Jacobson Hulsebus apud
Iackatranenses Batavos Predicatori, Salutem &
pacem ab authore utriusq.

Oving brother: I haue receiued your letters,
L and according to your desire, haue returned
these few lines in answer thereunto. If I haue
not so fully satisfied the particulars of your letters;
as I wished and purposed, I pray you impute it not
to any want of will, but vnto my disacquaintance
with your Dutch tongue and hand : I should per-
adventure haue giuen you better satisfaction then
now I doe, If you had written to me in the Latine
tongue. But to leaue excuses and come to the mat-
ter, the thing you touch in your Letter is but too
too true, to wit, that the hatred and dissension a-
mong Christians (if it continue, as God defend it
should) is, and will be the cause of much innocent
bloud-shedding amongst friends, and of estranging
the hearts of Heathens, from the worship of the
true God. And therefore that enimitie amongst
friends may cease, and that such as are as yet with-
out, may bee allured to submit themselues to the
scepter of Iesus Christ: it standeth vs vpon (who
are Preachers of the Gospell of peace) to be instru-
ments of peace, which for my owne part how wil-
ling I am to doe, is not vnknowne to such as know
my selfe, and among whom I doe daily conuerse. I
haue alwaies both in publike and priuate, by Let-
ters to our Worshipfull company in *England*, and

by liuely voice to our Commanders here in the *Indies*, declared how good a thing it is for vs that are Christians, professing one Faith, one Christ, one Baptisme, to liue in peace, and to dwell together in vnitie. And of this my earnest desire to be a peace-maker, *Master Brancraft* your Master of the *Black-Lyon*, who remained after his taking some weekes aboard of the *Royall James*, can giue euident testimony & witnesse. And now that you haue written to this end, I will stir vp my selfe, and set a fresh vp-on the worke of reconciliation. It is pelfe indeed and pride, that is the Make-bate breeding strife and discord: for, had not the riches of the *Moluccos* and the robbing of the *Chinaes* and others by you, vnder the English colours, fathering thereby your theft vpon vs, cast you into a deepe and deadly *Lethargie*, you would not as you haue done, haue abused your best friends abroad, that haue shed so much of their deereft blood in defence of you and your country at home; but now you are freed from the Spaniard at home, you fall out with your friends abroad. Is this the recompence of our loue and blood shewed vnto you, and shed for you, to keepe you from the supposed thraldome of *Spaine*? Did *David* thus reward his three Worthies, who aduentured their liues to satisfie his longing, & to quench his thirst? Did he not say, Lord be it farre from me that I should doe this: is not this the blood of the men that went in ieopardy of their liues? *2 Sam. 23. 17.* Doe yon thus requite vs, as *Lot* did *Abraham*, Who when as hee with the *3* *18.* that were borne and brought vp in his house, did recouer *Lot* and

and his goods and women out of the hands of the Conquerors, cared not for him but to serue his own turne, and being deliuered did in a manner scorne *Abrahams* company. Well, though *Abraham* being the elder and worthier might haue stood vpon his right, yet yeelded of his interest, that hee and *Lot* might liue as brothers, and the rather because both of them at this time soiourned among the *Cananites* and *Pheresites*, who were ready to take notice of their discord, and so to curse their God, and holy religion. Yet what gained *Lot* by separating companie, but a showre of fire and brimstone, which rained vpon *Sodome* wherein he liued, and would haue consumed both him and his, if God had not beene mercifull vnto him at *Abrahams* request?

It is not long of the English that wee expose our selues to the mockery of Infidels: our Company loue peace, and trade peaceably: they haue put vp for peace sake more wrongs at your hands, then they meane to doe againe. You write and publish to the world that the Sea is free, and yet by your encroaching vpon it, are not you both the Mothers and Nurses of discord? One of our Commanders, wrote (as I thinke, or at least sent word by one of speciall note amongst your selues) to *Coen* your Commander concerning a parly before the shooting downe of our Turret at *Iackatra*: but the first and last newes wee heard of him, was it not the beating downe of our house there, and the defaming of our Nation, with *Penoran* at *Bantam* and others here?

And thinke you that this is the way to make peace?

The present Captaine of your Fort at *Iackatra* promised to the Right Worshipful Sir *Thomas Dale* our chiefe Commander, vpon the faith of a Christian, that *M. Peter Wadden* (now your prisoner) should haue free ingresse and egressse in and out of your house to parley betweene vs, to retourne to our Ships: and yet is either promise or oath kept? hath he not, and doth hee not continue your prisoner to this hower? You remember *Iehu* his answer to *Iehoram*, *What peace whiles the whoredomes of thy Mother Iezabel, and her witchcrafts are yet in great number?* 2 King. 9. 23. No sound league of friendship or reconciliation can be made, or being made can continue, till the wrongs which men haue done one to another, be reprobued, and remoued; and satisfaction giuen by word and deed, where it may possibly be performed; else it will be like a wound or sore, that being cured outwardly to the eye, doth bleed and fester inwardly; many hollow reconciliations are daily made amongst men, which afterwards breake out to the hurt of both parties, and scandall of others: As a wound that is ill cured, by an vnskillfull or an vnconscionable Chirurgeon. As for mine owne part, I would to God that if it were possible, I might with all my best skill and cunning bee the Chyrurgeon to cure this wound, that our reconciliation, when euer it shall bee made, may not be hollow, but holy and firme: yea I wish from my heart, that my very bloud might be the milke to put out this wilde fire which now is kindled, and (if it be not quenched in time) is like to deuoure, not onely the ships and goods (as it hath
done

done some already, and is like to doe more) but the
 precious liues of many of both Nations, and of
 those also that are as yet vnborne, who (it is like)
 will curse the time that euer the English and Dutch
 knew the Indies. All standeth not in one side, there
 must be a yeelding of both sides, if euer there be a
 sound peate. But you say, both sides are stout, who
 shall begin? I answer, what auaileth anger without
 strength to beare it out? What is fiercenesse of spi-
 rit without wisdom of heart? but euen a fool's
 bolt against himselfe. And to such a one may not
 the saying of *Archidamus* to his sonne, being too
 foole-hardie, be as fitly applied as a gloue to a mans
 hand. *Sonne, sinne, either put to more strength, or take
 away some of this courage?* You cannot be ignorant
 that when *Herod* intended to make warre against
 the *Tyrians* and *Sidonians*, how they came all with
 one accord, & perswaded *Blastus* the Kings Cham-
 berlaine that they might liue in peace, or else they
 should all of them be starued, *Act. 12. 20.* Take
 heede you come not to this when it is too late. Are
 you so well able to liue of your selues in *Holland*,
 that you haue no need of your neighbour countrey
England? Are you so high aboue the waters, that
 the fluces of heauen cannot drowne you? Or are
 the Seas so low beneath your Netherlands, that
 you feare no deluge? *Shebna* the Treasurer, was
 he not as surely seated as your *Graue* is in *Holland*?
 or the greatest amongst you here in the *Indies*, euen
Coen himselfe? and yet was hee not tossed vp and
 downe as a foote-ball in a strange countrey? and
 were not the Chariots of his glory the shame of his

Lords house? *E/sy* 22. 18. But I have runne my
 selfe a little beyond that I intended, and now to re-
 couer my breath, by these lines I promise, and by
 word and deed will, God willing, with saile and
 care labour to bring to passe, that we may liue as
 friends and neighbours both here and at home.
 Thus I have returned you an answer to that you
 desire, and looke that both of vs should doe our best
 endeavour for the good of our present Fleets, and of
 such as hereafter may liue to blesse vs. From our
Royall James riding neere to *Bantam Rode*, this 20.
 of *Aprill 1619.*

Your louing brother

Patricke Copland.

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*From aboard the Bee in the Rode of Iacquatry on the
Coast of Iava, the 25. of Febr. 1620.*

Vgust the second 1619. our ship and goods
A were taken by the Flemmings in the Strait
of *Sinday* neere *Bantam*, and set a shore at
Iaquatry. September the 8. 1619, the Flemmings
disperst vs into their ships, and on the coast of *Sumatra*
the first of October 1619. they tooke foure
other English ships, viz. the *Dragon*, the *Beare*, the
Expedition, and the *Rose*. And on the second of
October they turned vs all a shore at *Tekoo* amongst
the Indians, where our Merchants had no trade, but
for eight dayes. We were then 370. and odde men,
all or the most part vndone. About 15. men were
killed in fight. They left vs the little *Rose* to shifte
for our selues.

October the 23. 1619. there came into the Rode
out of *England* three other ships, the *Paltegrawe*, the
Elizabeth, and the *Merchants Hope*. From *Tekoo* we
sailed to and fro, and at length came to anchor at an
Iland called *Amyncan*, where we had fresh water
and some fish, but is no place of trade, nor is there
any man that knoweth of any thing that growes
vpon it. The people are thought to be man-eaters.
After this we returned backe for *Tekoo*, and neere
the same Ianuary 29. 1619. we met with Generall
Prynne in the *Royall James*, and his whole fleet of
ships in number nine. All the fleet being then twelue
goodly ships, were resolved to saile for *Bantam*: and
in sight of two Flemmish ships (which we purpo-

sed to take) Captaine *Adams* in the ship called the *Bull*, together with one of the Flemmish ships came vp with newes of peace. We then sailed for *Iaquatry*, where by the way met vs 17. saile of goodly Flemmish ships, with whom (had not the peace then come) we must haue fought it out. But peace being then concluded betweene the Flemmings and vs, our English Factorie was againe settled at *Iaquatry*; and the ships diuided some for one place, some for another.

Aprill 26. 1620. the *Royall Iames*, and a ship of some 800. Tonnes, called the *Vnicorne*, set saile for *Iapan*, the distance neere about 1100. leagues. Iune the second 1620. the *Vnicorne* was cast away on the coast of *China*, neere a certaine Iland called the *Macoio* Iland. In the ship were two English women; both which, and all the men were saued: for they ranne the ship neere the shore. Most part of all their goods they lost. As we sailed for *Iapan*, at a place called *Puttany*, we heard of Captaine *Iordayne*, who being there with two ships, called the *Hound*, and the *Samson*, there came into the Rode and fought with them three Flemish ships: Captaine *Iordayne* was slaine in that fight, and the Flemmings tooke both their ships. December 17. 1620. the great *Iames* being well trimmed at a place called *Farando* in *Iapan*, came away from thence: and Ianuary the 14. 1620. we arriued safely at *Iaquatry*, where shee is now loaden for *England*.

The ships that since my comming from *England*, haue beene taken and lost, are the *Sunne*, cast away neere

neere *Bantam* ; the *Starre*, taken neere *Bantam* ; the *Dragon*, the *Beare*, the *Expedition*, and the *Rose*, taken at *Tekoo* ; the *Hound* and the *Samson* taken at *Puttany* ; the *Vnicorne* cast away on the coast of *China* ; two or three other ships taken and lost at the *Mollucas*.

Men of good command, dead, are, Captaine *Parker* of *Plymmouth*, Sir *Thomas Dale*, Captaine *Jordayne* killed at *Puttany*, Captaine *Bunnier* killed at *Tekoo* while we were at *Iapan*. The *Flemmings* yeelded vp againe the *Starre* to the English, and shee is gone to the *Mollucas*.

Thomas Knowles.